

IN THE CLAIMS

11. (currently amended): A ring-shaped bonded magnet having a film layer made of a fine metal powder on the entire surface thereof, which is produced by a surface treating process comprising ~~the steps of placing the work and a fine metal powder producing material into a treating vessel,~~
bringing a fine metal powder producing material into flowing contact with the surface of said ring-shaped bonded magnet. thereby adhering a fine metal powder produced from said fine metal powder producing material to the surface of said ~~work~~ ring-shaped bonded magnet.

12. (currently amended): ~~A~~ The ring-shaped bonded magnet according to claim 11, wherein said ring-shaped bonded magnet having the film layer made of the fine metal powder on the entire surface thereof has an L/D value equal to or larger than 1, wherein L represents a length of said magnet in a direction of a center axis of said magnet, and D represents an inside diameter of said magnet.

13. (currently amended): ~~A~~ The ring-shaped bonded magnet having a plated film according to claim 11 or 12, which is produced by subjecting a the ring-shaped bonded magnet having a film layer made of a fine metal powder on the entire surface thereof ~~according to claim 11 or 12~~ to an electroplating treatment.

14. (New): A ring-shaped bonded magnet having a surface and comprising an outer layer consisting essentially of a fine metal powder on the entire surface thereof.

15. (New): The ring-shaped bonded magnet according to claim 14, wherein said ring-shaped bonded magnet has an L/D value equal to or larger than 1, wherein L represents a length of said magnet in a direction of a center axis of said magnet, and D represents an inside diameter of said magnet.

16. (New): A ring-shaped bonded magnet having a surface and comprising an outer layer consisting of a fine metal powder on the entire surface thereof.

17. (New): The ring-shaped bonded magnet according to claim 16, wherein said ring-shaped bonded magnet has an L/D value equal to or larger than 1, wherein L represents a length of said magnet in a direction of a center axis of said magnet, and D represents an inside diameter of said magnet.